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### Why Not a Suit or an Overcoat?

### A Special Sale of House Coats & Bath Blankets.



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### Special.

#### Men's Sample Umbrellas.

They are not "all handle"—but are covered with wearable Union Taffeta Silk; mounted on strong steel rods, with paragon frames. The handles are very handsome and unique—in Silver, Silver-trimmed Horn and Silver-trimmed Natural Wood.

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Choice for \$2.95.

### Special.

#### Men's Gloves.

We were not expecting such a privilege—and that makes it all the more important. A limited quantity of Tan and Gray Mocha Gloves, in the latest shades; of a make celebrated for its perfect fit; with self-backs, pique and outseams. In all sizes, for—

89c. a Pair.

### Special.

#### Holiday Neckwear.

There are just a hundred dozen of these. We haven't marked them 50c., though they are worth it if ever Scarfs were. But we promise better-than-usual values at the holidays—and this is one of the instances where we give it to you.

Choice, 39c.

### Special.

#### Gift Mufflers and Dress Shields.

Silk Mufflers, in plain Black and White and fancy colors; full size; usual \$1.25 quality. .... \$1.00

Black Satin, Peau de Soie and Barthele Silk Dress Shields, with standing collar; lined with white satin; extra good quality and full size. .... \$1.00

### Special.

#### Boys' Furnishings.

Boys' Woolen Gloves, in all colors and all sizes 25c.

Boys' Neckwear—500 dozen strong, including every fashionable shape, tied and untied, in all colors 25c.

Canes for the Boys, cute little Walking Sticks. .... 15c. and 25c.

It's a short-lived season and the best makers see to it that no surpluses are left over. It's from this condition that in these near-to-Christmas days we can bring you such values at such prices.

Two-toned Cloth and Plain Tricot Jackets in a variety of effects; the Cloth trimmed with fancy revers side; the Tricots trimmed with quilted satin; silk cord finished and silk frog fastenings. The Jackets in this lot are worth up to \$5. Special ..... \$2.85

Two-toned Cloth Jackets, in the double-face effects; big assortment of patterns; all cut in the latest style; handsomely trimmed, finished with silk cord piping and silk frogs. Cheapest Jacket in the lot was made to sell at \$6; many are worth \$8. Choice of any of them. .... \$4.85

Lot of Bath Blankets, in Plain Red, Tan and Gray, as well as some with figured borders; all of them cut full length and unusual width; cord and girdle. Worth \$6 ..... \$3.95

Figured and Striped Bath Blankets, with neatly finished seams; cut extra full and proper length; cord for neck and girdle for waist. Strictly all-wool and worth \$9 ..... \$7.50

### Special.

#### Silk and Opera Hats.

The usual \$6.50 grade of Silk Hats, Knox and Dunlap shapes, which are the best shapes—and the most becoming; silk or cloth bands. .... \$7.50

Ribbed Silk Opera Hats, with French springs; silk lined; latest shape. You don't see them offered by any hatter under \$7. Our special for the holidays ..... \$5.75

### Special.

#### Men's and Women's Slippers.

Men's Genuine Burnt Leather Slippers, in elk, horse and Indian head designs, opera shape; worth \$2.50 a pair. .... \$2.35

Ladies' Black, Red and Tan Satin Juliet Slippers, trimmed with fur; French and common sense heels; hand-turned soles; worth \$2 a pair. .... \$1.25

### Special.

#### Handkerchiefs.

Men's White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with initials neatly embroidered; half dozen in box ..... \$1.00

White Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, and with embroidered initials; very sheer and fine; all letters. Each ..... 25c.

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, the full size, with elaborately embroidered initials; any letter. .... 25c.

### Special.

#### Gift Suspenders.

Fancy Web Suspenders, in new patterns; strong ends and latest improved cast-offs; each pair in a separate box ..... 25c.

Silk Suspenders, in solid colors and fancy effects; strong mounting; each pair in a separate box ..... 50c.

### Special.

#### Dress Suit Cases.

Cowhide Leather Dress Suit Cases, in both 22 and 24-inch; made over steel frames, with protected corners, brass locks and catches. It's a standard case, but the price is \$7.50 'most everywhere. (We initiate it for you) ..... \$5.00

### Special.

#### Men's and Boys' Sweaters.

Boys' Plain and Alternate-stripe Sweaters; all worsted, and in all sizes and colors; worth \$1.50. Special ..... \$1.00

Men's All-worsted Sweaters, in the latest, most popular shades, and any size; worth \$1.50. Special ..... \$1.00

Men's and Boys' Extra Heavy Sweaters, with large, heavy rolls; worth \$4.50 ..... \$3.25

### Special.

#### Naval Suits and Reefers.

Long Pants Sailors, made in perfect imitation of those worn aboard Uncle Sam's warships, even to the emblems; sizes 3 to 8 years.

Regulation Reefers, lined with Red Flannel; brass buttons; emblems on sleeves; sizes 3 to 12 years. The Suits are worth \$6.50 and so are the Reefers. We mark them only—

\$4.95.

## INAUGURATION DATE

### HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CONSIDERS IT.

Mr. Parker's Report Recommending January 1—Mr. DeArmond's Two Resolutions.

The proposition to change the date of inauguration was considered today by the House committee on the judiciary.

Representative Parker of New Jersey, a member of the committee who had been requested to look into the whole question, read a lengthy report on the subject and concluded with the following recommendation:

"That the term of Congress shall begin on the second Tuesday in December, and the President be sworn in on the first day of January; the terms of senators and members shall hereafter end and begin on the first day of December and the term of the President on the first day of January instead of on the fourth day of the following March, and all such terms now existing shall be shortened so as to carry this provision into effect."

Mr. Parker declared that the weather consideration in his opinion should not have weight, when the administrative needs of the government were in the balance. The administrative needs of the government required that the practice of holding a short session of one Congress after the election of the next Congress, and postponement of the meeting of the Congress-elect for thirteen months after its election, should be abandoned. It was most desirable to have Congress meet as soon as possible after its election.

Besides this proposition the committee had before it the House resolution, passed by the Senate at the last session, providing an amendment to the Constitution whereby the Fifty-eighth Congress and the term of office of the President and Vice President should continue until the last Thursday in April, 1906, and that hereafter this date should be substituted for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of the terms of Congress and of the President and Vice President.

### Mr. DeArmond's Resolutions.

Two resolutions by Mr. DeArmond (Mo.) were also before the committee. One of these, introduced at the last session, following the line of the Senate resolution, while the other provides that the term of office of the President shall continue until the 30th day of April, in the year 1905, at noon, and the 30th day of April, at noon, shall thereafter be substituted for the 4th day of March as the beginning and the ending of the terms of President and Vice President; and the Fifty-ninth Congress shall end and the Sixtieth Congress shall begin the 8th day of January, 1907, at noon, and thereafter each Congress shall begin and end on the 8th day of January, at noon, and no Congress after the Fifty-eighth shall meet or sit later than the day for the election of a new Congress, except when convened by the President in extraordinary session, in a great emergency, which shall be stated in his proclamation; and in such extraordinary session none but emergency measures shall be passed or considered.

In explaining the reason for making it the 30th day of April, according to the last resolution, Mr. DeArmond said that if the date was the last Thursday in April it would, according as the last Thursday in April might fall on the 30th or the 24th, make one Congress a week longer than two years, and would also have the same effect on the term of the President. To fix the date on the 30th would obviate this objection. Besides this, Mr. DeArmond said, the 30th of April was the day on which Washington was inaugurated.

### Mr. Parker's Report.

The report of Mr. Parker went fully into the history of the fixing of the dates both for inauguration and for the beginning of the sessions of Congress. He first referred to a report prepared by Mr. Crane, a member of the Fifty-fifth Congress, made on the same subject at that time.

Mr. Parker referred to the fact that George Washington was sworn into office on April 30, and stated that he maintained that as the Constitution provided that the President should hold office for four years, his first term did not end on the 4th of March, but on April 30.

The present practice of holding the short session of Congress, after an election, when the party in the majority may have been defeated, was the great evil in the present system.

As soon as Mr. Parker had concluded the reading of his report the committee went into executive session on the subject. After considering the subject further the committee adjourned without taking action of any kind.

Just before adjournment the committee decided to go to Austin, Tex., to witness the inauguration—January 20—as governor of that state of Representative Lanham.

### RETIREMENT RECOMMENDED.

#### Private Field of Police Force to Receive \$50 Per Month.

Capt. Isaac Pearson and other members of the police pension committee have recommended to the superintendent of police that Private J. N. Field, in view of his illness and long service, be retired on a \$50 pension per month, payable from the police relief fund. Dr. Wall testified that the man was suffering from rheumatism affecting the right arm and from falling sight. His vision is below the normal and a letter from Dr. Shute recommended that the officer be discharged. Field has been on the force for almost thirty-seven years. His retirement was recommended by the committee. The pension committee also recommended that monthly pensions be allowed the widow and daughter of the late H. C. Jones of the police force as follows, to take effect November 29, 1902, payable from the police fund: Louise C. Jones, widow, \$20 per month during widowhood; Dora L. Jones, \$10 per month until sixteen years of age.

### The Shepherd Memorial.

The condition of the Shepherd memorial fund up to date is as follows: Amount previously acknowledged, \$8,661.00. J. F. W. .... 100.00. Anton Eberly ..... 10.00. Saks & Co. .... 25.00. \$8,796.00.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I notice what "Justice" says in your issue of Friday. The reason why the money was not subscribed promptly is because there is a lack of public spirit and unity in carrying out projects of public importance in the District of Columbia. People do not seem to appreciate the desirability of pulling together.

The memorial for ex-Gov. Shepherd should be provided for at once. It should be a popular movement that builds this monument. Everybody ought to help honor the man whose brains and energy transformed Washington from a mud hole into one of the finest residence cities in the world. I sent in my contribution long ago, but I notice in the list that is published from day to day that the names of a great many leaders and prominent citizens who have talked a great deal about this memorial, do not appear.

Let the members of the executive and finance committees stir up this movement, which must, for the honor of our city and our citizens, be made an early and great success. PUBLISHER.

### BOMBARDING PUERTO CABELLO.

#### Disturbing Report Regarding the Warships in Venezuelan Waters.

Minister Bowen in a dispatch received at the State Department yesterday afternoon cabled that he had been informed by President Castro that British and German warships were bombarding Puerto Cabello.

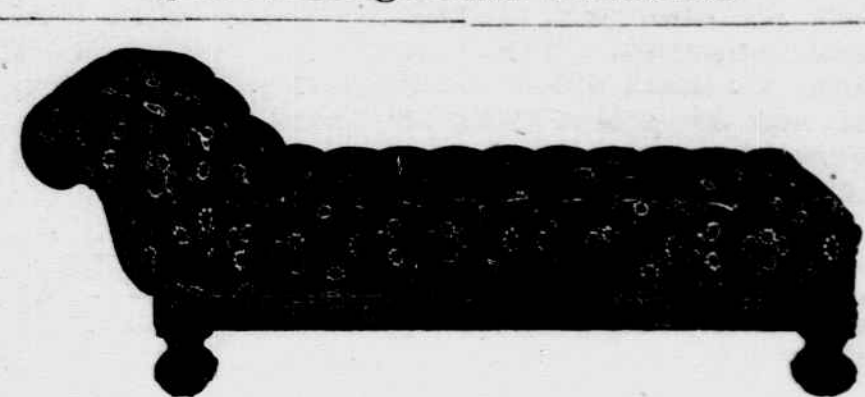
In an earlier dispatch, received by the State Department at 3:20 o'clock yesterday morning, Minister Bowen said that the situation at the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, was much quieter. The great excitement noted at the outset of the affair he said was caused by the precipitate flight of the British and German ministers, the arrest of all the subjects of those two nations and

## Hoeke's Christmas Specials.

Some popular givables that are offered WAY BELOW the value because they are mostly single pieces. They're gifts to give the whole family pleasure.

Selections made now will be held for delivery at any later time directed, upon payment of small deposit.

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8 of those Handsome Couches, worth \$13.50 each, for - - - - - \$8.75

\$27.00 Velour Couches, claw feet, Special, \$18.75.	\$16.50 Velour Couches, Special, \$11.50.	\$35.50 All-leather Couch, Special, \$28.75.
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Every \$10.00 Morris Chair in the house goes at - - - - - \$7.50

Every \$7.50 Morris Chair in the house goes at - - - - - \$4.98

\$3.50 Polished Desk Chairs, Special, \$2.98.	\$1.50 Rockers, Special, \$3.75.
\$3.25 Gold Leaf Reception Chairs, Special, \$2.50.	\$6.50 Rockers, Special, \$4.98.
\$27.50 Combination Book Cases, Special, \$18.75.	\$15.00 Mahogany Rockers, Special, \$10.00.
\$25.00 All Mahogany Book Cases, Special, \$32.50.	\$10.00 Hand-polished Quartered Oak Rockers, Special, \$6.75.
\$5.00 Parlor Rockers, Special, \$3.98.	\$5.00 Slipper Chairs, Special, \$3.75.
\$15.00 Polished Parlor Chairs, Special, \$10.00.	\$22.50 Inlaid Mahogany Rockers, Special, \$16.50.
\$20.00 Upholstered Parlor Chairs, Special, \$13.50.	Music Cases, Special, \$6.50.
\$85.00 Rosewood Parlor Chairs, Special, \$22.50.	\$12.50 Music Cases, Special, \$9.00.
\$28.50 Carved-arm Parlor Chairs, Special, \$19.00.	\$6.50 Music Cases, Special, \$4.98.
\$10.00 Mahogany Roman Seats, Special, \$6.98.	\$29.00 Burntwood Desks, Special, \$18.00.
\$11.00 Mahogany Corner Chair, Special, \$6.98.	Children's Desks, Special, \$1.50.
\$25.00 Birch Parlor Chair, Special, \$12.50.	Children's Bureaus, Special, \$4.50.
\$12.50 Upholstered Seat Chair, Special, \$6.98.	Children's Rock, 89c. to \$8.00.
\$22.50 Parlor Cabinet, Special, \$15.00.	Children's High Chairs, \$98c.
\$12.50 Parlor Cabinet, Special, \$7.98.	China Closets, Special, \$17.50.
\$25.00 Ladies' Desk, Special, \$17.50.	\$25.00 Three-piece Parlor Sets, Special, \$15.00.
\$32.00 Hand-carved Parlor Chair, Special, \$19.50.	\$29.00 Three-piece Parlor Sets, Special, \$17.50.
\$12.00 Hand-carved Hall Chair, Special, \$8.75.	\$10.00 Three-piece Inlaid Parlor Sets, Special, \$25.00.
\$19.50 Inlaid-back Roman Chair, Special, \$12.98.	\$6.50 Chiffoniers, Special, \$4.98.
\$5.00 Rockers, Special, \$3.98.	Flat-top Office Desks, Special, \$6.00.
\$10.00 Rockers, Special, \$6.75.	Smoking Sets, Special, \$5.00.
\$17.50 Turkish Rockers, Special, \$9.98.	Decorated Umbrella Stands, Special, \$1.98.

Covered Pillows—\$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.98 to \$5.00.  
Fancy Stand Covers—50c., 75c., \$1 to \$3.00.  
Table Covers—\$2, \$2.35, \$3 to \$5.00.  
Table Covers—2x2 1/4 yards—\$3, \$3.50 to \$5.50.  
Table Covers—2x3 yards—\$3.75, \$4.50 to \$5.50.  
Couch Covers—\$1.75 to \$13.50.  
4-fold Japanese Screens—\$3.75 and \$4.50.  
Fancy Japanese Screens—\$6.00.  
3-fold Wood Frame Screens—\$1.50 to \$3.50.

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This Handsome Gold Reception or Corner Chair, richly upholstered, like cut,

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the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats without first declaring a blockade, this causing the people to fear a bombardment would follow at once.

In the matter of the blockade Secretary Hay has instructed our ambassadors at Berlin and London to represent to those governments that the United States must not be understood as giving its consent to the extension of the international right of peaceful blockade. It is not known that this instruction was called forth by any attempt making such representation necessary. It was made simply as a cautionary measure and gives the attitude of this government towards any development arising making its position a matter of importance. It was confidently hoped that before this time some answer would have been received from the German and British governments to President Castro's request that the claims of those governments be submitted to arbitration. This request was transmitted from Caracas by Minister Bowen during the latter days of last week, and in turn was handed to the embassies of Germany and Great Britain at this capital.

The visit of President Castro to the bedside of the invalid wife of the German diplomatic representative at Caracas created a good impression here, as it did at that place, whereas the necessity for bombardment of Puerto Cabello made an equally unfavorable one. It is regretted that the commanders of the German and British vessels should have found it necessary to resort to such a severe step as bombardment of the city for an act for which a infliction might have been obtained in a more peaceful manner. Such acts will undoubtedly result in inflaming the minds of the Venezuelans, who naturally are of an impetuous nature, and retaliation may follow by assaults on foreign residents in Venezuela.

### Will Go to San Francisco.

President Roosevelt has formally accepted the invitation of the citizens' committee of San Francisco to attend the dedication of the navy monument to commemorate the battle of Manila. The monument is now nearing completion. Following is the letter of acceptance received by former Mayor Phelan, chairman of the committee:

"WHITE HOUSE, 'WASHINGTON, December 13, 1902. 'My Dear Mr. Phelan: 'It will give me the utmost pleasure to accept the very kind invitation extended by you on behalf of the citizens' committee to participate in the ceremonies dedicating the monument in honor of the American navy and to commemorate Admiral Dewey's victory in Manila bay. My visit to San Francisco will probably be some time in May, and I will let you know as soon as the date is decided. 'With regards, sincerely yours, 'THEODORE ROOSEVELT.'"

The constitutional convention of New Hampshire has adopted a woman suffrage plank in the new constitution. The senate of Vermont killed a bill extending the suffrage to women.